

November 15, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:


I understand that Canadian National Railway is planning to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railway Company. The purchase would substantially increase the train traffic around the Village of Barrington, IL—some say there will be at least 15 more trains per day. Such an increase concerns me greatly, and I write to urge you to examine the impacts of this transaction in depth, particularly the effect it will have on **our customers attempt to reach our business and other retailers in town.**

Currently, I serve as **Vice Chair of Events for the Barrington Chamber of Commerce.** I have been in this position or other positions on the Board for **over 4 years.** The **Barrington Chamber of Commerce** is dedicated to **motivating and encouraging business growth in the Barrington area.** The retailers in town already have enough issues with the current traffic situations in town – this increase would affect all of our businesses.

**With the proliferation of Lifestyle Centers and new retail developments in our area it is getting harder and harder for the small specialty retailer to survive. If customers have to fight excess traffic to reach our stores, they will simply change their shopping habits and spend their money in other areas. This affects the entire sales tax base of the Village of Barrington.**

As you can see, Canadian National's purchase presents real problems for the members of this community. Without your protection, we have no way of protecting ourselves from **excess traffic, noise and congestion.** Please consider the impact this transaction will have on our community and its environment extremely thoroughly before you approve the proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Jan Cunningham  
Owner, G. Whiz

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